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Team Charleston Deploys 16th Airlift Squadron

Who/What: The 16 AS is deploying to Rhein Main Air Base, Germany,

for 90 days. They will be replacing the 8th Airlift Squadron from McChord AFB, Wash. About 25 crewmembers will be leaving Tuesday, July 8, on a C-17 headed to Germany.

When/Where: The crew will be boarding a C-17 around noon on the

flightline. Media interested in covering this event should arrive at the Dorchester Gate at 11:30 a.m., Tuesday, July 8.

Why: This is the second time Charleston AFB has deployed an

entire airlift squadron to a forward location. While deploying as a squadron is typical for fighter wings, it is a new concept

for airlift wings.

Visuals: The crews boarding the C-17 with their bags on the flightline.

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